

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a speech recognition application callflow for an application, comprising the steps of:

placing a symbolic representation of a prompt into a workspace of a graphical user interface for creating the speech recognition callflow for the application workflow, said prompt defining a query requesting a value for a variable, wherein said placing generates within said application an instruction to present said query to a user;

attaching to the prompt representation at least one among a pre-built grammar selected by a user and a user-entered individual new option entered by the user using the graphical user interface, wherein said attaching generates within said application an instruction to process a speech input responsive to said presented query using at least one among said pre-built grammar and said new option, wherein said pre-built grammar includes phrases associated with valid values for said variable, and wherein said new option comprises a user-defined phrase associated with a valid value for said variable;

repeating the steps sequence of placing and attaching for each other request to be included in the callflow [[steps]] until the speech recognition callflow application has been completed.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of attaching the pre-built grammar comprises the step of selecting the pre-built grammar from a list of pre-built grammars.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the method further comprises the step of searching the list of pre-built grammars for matches to the user-entered individual new option.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein if a match exists between ~~[[the]]~~ a listed pre-built grammar and the user-entered individual new option, then the user-entered individual new option points to ~~an equivalent~~ said matching pre-built grammar.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein if ~~[[a]]~~ no match exists between the list of pre-built grammars and the user-entered individual new option, then the user-entered individual new option forms a part of the list of pre-built grammars.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-built grammars are selected from the group comprising VoiceXML and custom-built grammars from a library.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the step of enabling a customized user selective output of the pre-built grammar.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method supports prototyping without knowledge of a grammar structure by a user.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~the method further comprises the step of feeding the result of the step of searching to the pre-defined grammar instead of forming an auxiliary grammar~~ if no match exists between the list of pre-built grammars and the user-entered option, then the phrase in said option is added to said pre-built grammar.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for creating speech recognition ~~application~~ callflow for an application, comprising the steps of:

placing a symbolic representation of a prompt into a workspace of a graphical user interface for creating the speech recognition callflow for the application workflow, said prompt defining a query requesting a value for a variable, wherein said placing generates within said application an instruction to present said query to a user;

assigning an individual option and a pre-built grammar to the symbolically represented prompt, wherein said assigning generates within said application an instruction to process a speech input responsive to said presented query using at least one among said pre-built grammar and said new option, wherein said pre-built grammar includes phrases associated with valid values for said variable, and wherein said new option comprises a user-defined phrase associated with a valid value for said variable

if the individual option is a potential valid match to a recognition phrase or an annotation in the pre-built grammar, recognizing that the individual option is a potential valid match and responsively configuring the individual option to point to an entry in the pre-built grammar; and

if the individual option fails to be a potential valid match to the recognition phrase or the annotation in the pre-built grammar, determining that the individual option fails to be a potential valid match and configuring the individual option as a new entry in a new grammar automatically constructed to hold the new entry, the new entry having text corresponding to text of the individual option, the text of the new entry being both a recognition string and an associated annotation.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for managing grammar options in a graphical callflow builder when creating a speech recognition ~~application~~ callflow for an application, the system comprising:

a graphical user interface;

a memory; and

a processor programmed to place a symbolic representation of a prompt into a workspace of the graphical user interface for creating the speech recognition callflow for the application workflow, and to attach to the prompt at least one among a pre-built grammar selected by a user and a user-entered individual new option entered by the user using the graphical user interface

wherein said prompt defines a query requesting a value for a variable, wherein said placing generates within said application an instruction to present said query to a user, and

wherein said attaching generates within said application an instruction to process a speech input responsive to said presented query using at least one among said pre-built grammar and said new option, wherein said pre-built grammar includes phrases associated with valid values for said variable, and wherein said new option comprises a user-defined phrase associated with a valid value for said variable.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the processors of attaches the pre-built grammar by selecting the pre-built grammar from a list of pre-built grammars.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further programmed to search the list of pre-built grammars for matches to the user-entered individual new option.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein if a match exists between ~~[[the]]~~ a listed pre-built grammar and the user-entered individual new option, then the user-entered individual new option points to said matching ~~an equivalent~~ pre-built grammar.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein if ~~[[a]]~~ no match exists between the list of pre-built grammars and the user-entered individual new option, then the user-entered individual new option forms a part of the list of pre-built grammars.

16. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the pre-built grammars are selected from the group comprising VoiceXML and custom-built grammars from a library.

17. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the processor is further programmed to further enable a customized user selective output of the pre-built grammar.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein ~~the processor is further programmed to feed the result of the search to the pre-defined grammar instead of forming an auxiliary grammar~~ if no match exists between the list of pre-built grammars and the user-entered option, then the phrase in said option is added to said pre-built grammar.

19. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to create ~~for creating~~ a speech recognition application callflow for an application by performing the steps of:

placing a symbolic representation of a prompt into a workspace of a graphical user interface for creating the speech recognition callflow for the application workflow, said

prompt defining a query requesting a value for a variable, wherein said placing generates within said application an instruction to present said query to a user;

attaching to the prompt representation at least one among a pre-built grammar selected by a user and a user-entered individual new option entered by the user using the graphical user interface, wherein said attaching generates within said application an instruction to process a speech input responsive to said presented query using at least one among said pre-built grammar and said new option, wherein said pre-built grammar includes phrases associated with valid values for said variable, and wherein said new option comprises a user-defined phrase associated with a valid value for said variable;

repeating the steps sequence of placing and attaching for each other request to be included in the callflow ~~[[steps]]~~ until the speech recognition callflow ~~application~~ has been completed.

20. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable storage of claim 19, wherein the machine-readable storage is further programmed to select the pre-built grammar from a list of pre-built grammars.